

**The American Legion  
Department of Minnesota  
Resolution**

Resolution Number: 2020-2

Title: Cancellation of 2020 American Legion Department of Minnesota Convention in Morton Mn, Jackpot Junction and Awarding the next available year of the Department of Minnesota Convention to Morton MN, Jackpot Junction

Origin: Judge Advocate Department of Minnesota

Whereas, Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Department of Minnesota of the American Legion calls for a Department Convention to be held annually, and said convention was scheduled to be held on July 15-18 at Morton, Minnesota, and

Whereas, Article 5, Section 1 of the Minnesota Department Constitution provides that in the event that, due to an emergency, National or State, it is for any reason impossible to convene the annual Department Convention, and

Whereas, The American Legion Nationally has passed Resolution Number 3 cancelling the National Convention, all meetings, and all travel of the National Officers and Staff through 30 September 2020 and all National Officers elected and appointed will continue to serve until the 2021 National Convention, and

Whereas, The State of Minnesota and the United States in general are currently experiencing a pandemic associated with the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) therefore causing communities, cities, states and the federal government to enact unprecedented emergency actions in order to contain and combat the impact and risks of spreading the COVID-19; and

Whereas, the Governor of Minnesota has declared 33 Emergency Executive Orders to address the health crisis, and on March 13, 2020, Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota, the Governor encouraged all Minnesotans to stay at home, to practice social distancing, and to avoid gatherings of ten or more people, and

Whereas, a gathering of the members of The American Legion of the Department of Minnesota in Morton on July 15 - 18 for our Department Convention would be in conflict with the imposed restrictions set by state and federal authorities and therefore, place our members at an unnecessary health, safety and medical risk, and

Whereas, Whereas, the Department Executive Committee has thoroughly discussed the situation, weighed all options including utilizing electronic communications applications for meetings, and determined that the course of action herein recommended is the correct and prudent course for The American Legion, Department of Minnesota; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Department of Minnesota Executive Committee of The American Legion, by electronic communication, that due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as the coronavirus (COVID 19), the numerous state emergency executive orders imposed to contain it and

concern for the safety of all members of The American Legion Family, the Department Executive Committee agrees that present circumstances constitute an emergency making it impossible to convene a Department Convention and therefore said convention is cancelled, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Article 7, Section 2 Department Constitution, officers elected at convention, namely: the Department Commander, the five Department Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the Department Sergeant at Arms and the Department Historian continue serving in their current positions until the close of the next Department Convention in 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Department Committee Chairs and the current committee members and the Department Membership Director continue serving in their current positions unless any said member offers to resign or is reassigned or reappointed at the 2020 Department Fall Conference, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any resolutions needing to come before the Department of Minnesota Convention may be brought forth to the Department Executive Committee and subsequently be considered and voted on by electronic communication as authorized by 2019 convention resolution 2, and be it further

RESOLVED, the per capita dues for the Department of Minnesota remain at \$13.50 for 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that due to the numerous health and safety reasons and needs of our members, the Department of Minnesota Executive Committee strongly urges the Detachment of Minnesota Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders of the Department of Minnesota, the American Legion Auxiliary, all programs and foundations of The American Legion, and all Districts of the Department of Minnesota follow a similar course of action, namely: cancel their 2020 convention, elections, all gatherings and maintain their current officers until 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, That due to the community of Morton MN, Jackpot Junction is accommodating the American Legion 2020 Department Convention's cancellation decision in such a prompt manner without penalty or other financial cost to The American Legion, the American Legion Department Executive Committee is hereby awarding the next available year for the Department Convention to the community of Morton MN, Jackpot Junction, via the American Legion Department of Minnesota Convention Corporation, and finally be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Minnesota Executive Committee to be held 11 April 2020 via electronic means, for approval.